

**CHILD AND FAMILY STATE COLLABORATIVE  
MINUTES FOR November 2, 2001**

**Next Meeting: Friday, November 9, 2001 Time: 8:30 a.m. Haworth**  
**Next Meeting (Large State Community Collaborative) Friday, November 30, 2001**

**Present Members:** Chair: Martha Kaufman (CFS), Don Herring (CFS), Lee Lewis (SA), Diann Irwin (DPI), Sandra Sink (DSS), JoAnn Lamm (DSS), Stephanie Alexander (CFS), Pat Solomon (NCFU), Bob Loddengaard (GAL) Jennifer Mahan (MHA/NC), Joan DeBruyn (CFS), Carolyn Wiser (DMA), Don Hargrove (DJJDP), Lynda Richard (DMH/DD/SAS), Sharon Seiber, Rhoda Miller, (CFS), Betty Pankey, Kirstin Frescoln, Joel Rosch, (Duke CCP) Susan T Witten (DJJDP), Joe Murphy (Whitaker School)

**Meeting Materials and Handouts distributed**

- Whitaker School Legislature Section 21.61 (a)
- Grid for Inventory of Resources
- Less Cost, More Safety (Guiding Lights for Reform in Juvenile Justice)
- DPI NC Elementary and Secondary Education (FY 2000-01 Appropriated Funds (Note 1)

**Meeting items are outlined as discussed below:**

1. Welcome and Introductions- **2 parents (Names on the List)**
2. **Planning – Re: Whitaker School Special Provisions**  
Attachment Section 21.61.(a); Deinstitutionalize youth with most complex problems; “close” is not in the Legislative language; Transition from Whitaker to home or other institutions must be addressed. Requires 2 reports next year.  
Whitaker – 100% state dollars; must assess all youth and see what they need  
Utilize regional committees meet re: youth; know local resources  
No family members on regional committees as decision-makers – a major problem – maybe LCCs may be a resource or the decision group to use (collapses another group for multiple groups issues).

(Whitaker cont.)

- Transition plans are developed already for youth – must have a place in the community after discharge or not admitted, so the transition plans should already be in place.
- Want to involve CFT for each youth
- Look at status of resources and then develop a plan.
- Not acceptable to say “Child is in Whitaker until discharge” - must have reasons for continued stay and youth who are on waiting list.
- Start the process and document what youth need and local resources available.
- Management recommending (with new MGT Report) establish 4 state run facilities for “no reject, no eject” until we can recruit private providers to take over operations – Whitaker should not be closed until 3 others are built.
- Redirect funds in late spring to begin bringing up three smaller centers.
- How would you continue re-education model with dispersion of staff?
  - Train staff from Whitaker and Re-Ed experts
  - Transfer staff
  - Small QI group to monitor on-site staff with re-Ed model
  - Staff can work at Wright and Whitaker for 6 months
- If the plan is to close facility but not program, what is the benefit to state?
  - Closure must be approved by Legislature.
  - Resources must stay with youth (by Legislative mandate).
  - All youth should have come from CFT and LCC and they should be making the decision.
  - How many come from other agencies? All come through Mental Health locally for referral.
  - Without LCC – Perpetuate that Mental Health still controls the process.
  - Whitaker has IQ cut-off-often with mild MR.
  - If we are commuted to LCC’s – they should make the decisions.
  - Help expertise get to CFTs from regional placement committees
  - Use other state experts (trainers) and regional staff who have been trained
  - Once placed – not good follow-up from the community and need this ongoing contact

- Cannot receive Medicaid but could go to new facilities that would take Medicaid and help build those programs.
- New centers must be high level and secure Level IV or PRTF – specialize in each new center for Special Provisions – screening process – problem is “where do X go?” If they have MR or combination of issues.
- Also problems with out-of-state youth.
- Wait List – Appropriate and who on wait list are inappropriate.
- Many youth are appropriate for Hospital PRTF’s.

Child and Family Section will develop an outline to address the Whitaker issue and have it to Division Director by Monday, November 5, 2001 – must be a SCC Proposal and Martha Kaufman will e-mail proposal to SCC over the weekend.

### 3. Grid – Child and Family Funding Grid

Mandated to share resources, stop cost-shifting

- DPI brought information on funding the DPI Website:  
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/fbs/highlights>
- Martha Kaufman will e-mail the Grid to be completed at next Friday’s SCC (Draft) by Wednesday.
- Every CFT and LCC should have a Grid completed and after assessment and agreement, could use for decision-making.
- Not complicated, just comprehensive.